

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**Examining Group Number 2117**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: EVALUATION CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR DETECTING AND/OR LOCATING FAULTY DATA WORDS IN A DATA STREAM T<sub>N</sub>

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 4, 2009, and the Advisory Action mailed May 14, 2009, and is being filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: